



The Barbara E. Giordano Foundation Celebrates 20 Years of Empowering Women and Launches a New Mission focused on United States Women Veterans

The Westchester-based organization celebrated with its first ever formal gala at the Doral Arrowwood Resort on October 14, 2016

October 20, 2016, White Plains, NY – For twenty years, the Barbara E. Giordano Foundation has been providing holistic health and education for the empowerment of women. Now in its twentieth year, the Foundation has a new mission: providing holistic health education programs to women veterans and their families, empowering them to experience self-renewal. That evening, the organization honored retired Sgt. Major US-Army Jocey Henderson for her distinguished career which began in 1998 until her retirement in 2006. Now, as a civilian, she continues her duty to her fellow Veterans as Director of Operations for Veterans Outreach Center in Rochester, New York.

The Gala which featured a Color Guard and entertainment by the USO Show Troupe, was, according to Virginia Giordano, Foundation Chair, “an opportunity to educate the public about the needs and challenges that women veterans and their families face every day. The Foundation’s mission, which has been redefined as we enter the 21st year, is to provide the services and opportunities that will result in their living productive and successful civilian lives.”

Named for Virginia’s sister, Barbara, who was a hospital administrator, holistic nurse, and educator, the Westchester-based organization fulfills her dream of a Foundation focused around the health, education and empowerment of women. The Foundation’s new mission brings that dream to a group of women whose needs are underserved – women veterans. The Foundation will offer assistance for returning women Veterans in the tristate area, and is working with an advisory council of women veterans to determine the services most in need.

Giordano wishes to thank the USO Show Troupe for their “dazzling performance,” and the Color Guard of the 105th AirLift Wing of the NY Air National Guard, Stewart Air National Guard Base in Newburgh, NY for displaying the colors and leading the national anthem. “Of course,” Giordano adds, “The Foundation thanks many of its supporters and local businesses for their generosity, for their donated auction items, and for taking ads in the Gala Program Journal. The gala was, by all accounts, a tremendous success.”

Anyone wishing to know more about the Barbara E. Giordano Foundation, either for a family member, or to assist in their activities, can call (914) 686-8002 or visit giordanofoundation.org.

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